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## Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin (SAIB) advises you of an airworthiness concern for **Eichelsdörfer GmbH Flugzeugbau Mistral-C sailplanes**.

## Background

The manufacturer informed the Luftfahrt-Bundesamt (LBA, the German airworthiness authority) that cracks may occur in the L'Hotellier attachment brackets.

Eichelsdörfer GmbH Flugzeugbau issued Technical Note Number 329-014 to address this issue. This Technical Note requires a check and modification of the L'Hotellier head and attachment brackets of the fuselage steering tube.

The LBA issued Airworthiness Directive (AD) number D-2006-058 to require compliance to the specified technical note before December 31, 2006, for airplanes registered for operation in Germany.

*Note: Foreign ADs are not mandatory in the United States. The Mistral-C is not type certificated in the United States and therefore does not meet the criteria for mandatory action. We do not issue ADs for sailplanes without U.S. type certification. However, this model could be operating in the United States with an experimental airworthiness certificate.*

## Recommendation

We recommend you do the actions of the stated technical note upon receipt of this bulletin.

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